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In re Continuation Application of) Examiner: not assigned
Nulman, et al.)
Parent Serial No.: 08/851,946) Art Unit: not assigned
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For: COILS FOR GENERATING A PLASMA AND FOR SPUTTERING

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

8/15/02

Dear Sirs:

Prior to issuing a first action in the above-referenced continuation application, please enter and consider the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of application serial number 08/851,946 entitled "Coils for Generating a Plasma and for Sputtering," filed May 6, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/644,096 entitled "Coils for Generating a Plasma and for Sputtering," filed May 10, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of copending application serial no. 08/647,184 entitled "Sputtering Coil for Generating a Plasma," filed May 9, 1996.

A-2 On page 4, line 25, after the word "aluminum" insert the sentence "In other embodiments the target can be made of a material such as Cr, Te or SiO₂."